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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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SUBJ: NIGERIA-BENIN BORDER SITUATION

1. IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT EVACUATE STRANDED AMEMBASSY LAGOS OFFICERS, SOP HERE RECENTLY HAS BEEN TO SEND DRIVER TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY DEVELOPMENTS ON THE EASTERN FRONT. TODAY, MARCH 2, DRIVER RETURNED WITH SAME OLD SONG, I.E., BORDER IS CLOSED.

2. HOWEVER, HE HAD BEEN TOLD AT BORDER THAT THREE BENINESE MINISTERS, I.E., INTERIOR, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FINANCE, ACCOMPANIED BY HEAD OF STATE POLICE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SURETE) HAD CROSSED BORDER THIS MORNING ENROUTE TO LAGOS. NIGERIAN EMBASSY HERE CONFIRMS THAT "CERTAIN HIGH LEVEL PERSONNAGES OF BENINESE GOVT "DID CROSS BORDER THIS MORNING.

3. COMMENT: UNDOUBTEDLY TRIP IS TO REQUEST OPENING OF BORDER. CONTINUED CLOSING IS RESULTING IN GROWING BACKLOG IN COTONOU OF FREIGHT AND VEHICLES BOUND FOR NIGERIA. THE RESULTING LOSS OF REVENUE COULD BE SERIOUS FOR THIS GOVT. CHESHES

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